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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 3641
JOSEPH H. BARTOZZI ET AL.) Examiner: Thomson, Michelle
Serial No.: 09/998,814)
Filed: October 21, 2001)
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR)
LOCKING FIREARM IN AN OPEN)
POSITION BY BLOCKING ACTION)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 AND AMENDMENT

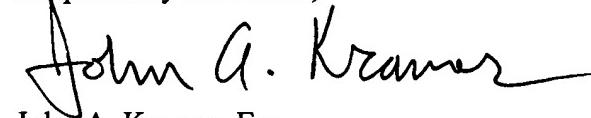
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Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is: (i) a Request for Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114; and (ii) an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2003. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and M.P.E.P. § 710.02(c), Applicant respectfully requests that the deadline for filing the RCE and Amendment be extended by two months, from December 8, 2003 to February 8, 2004.

A check for \$420 is enclosed to cover the fee for this request. Please charge any additional fee which may be required or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 08-2622.

Respectfully submitted,



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